

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information reproducing apparatus comprising a determination device which determines a type of a loaded recording medium, an information obtaining device which obtains necessary information for reproduction from the recording medium according to the determined type of recording medium, and a reproduction control device which exerts control to reproduce recorded information from the recording medium based on the obtained information, wherein the information reproducing apparatus comprises:

a selection request device which prompts a user to select the type of the recording medium in any one of the case where the determination device cannot determine the type of the recording medium, and the case where the information obtaining device cannot normally obtain the necessary information for reproduction; and

a selection acceptance device which accepts selection of the type of the recording medium from the user,

wherein the information obtaining device obtains the necessary information for reproduction from the recording medium according to the selected type of the recording medium.

2. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information reproducing apparatus comprises an error processing device which performs an error process if the type of the determined recording medium matches

with the type of the selected recording medium in the case where the information obtaining device cannot normally obtain the necessary information for reproduction.

5     3.     The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the determination device performs at least one of a first determination, a second determination, and a third determination, the first determination determining whether the type of the recording medium is a CD or a DVD,  
10    the second determination determining whether the type of the recording medium is a single session or a multisession, and the third determination determining whether the type of the recording medium is a CD audio or a CD-ROM, and

          the selection acceptance device performs at least one  
15    of a first selection acceptance, a second selection acceptance, and a third selection acceptance, the first selection acceptance accepting the selection of whether the type of the recording medium is the CD or the DVD, the second selection acceptance accepting the selection of whether the type of the  
20    recording medium is the single session or the multisession, and the third selection acceptance accepting the selection of whether the type of the recording medium is the CD audio or the CD-ROM.

25    4.     The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selection request device prompts the user to select a type of the recording medium by voice.

5. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the selection acceptance device accepts the selection of the type of the recording medium by recognizing the voice uttered by the user.

6. An information reproducing method of an information reproducing apparatus, wherein the information reproducing method comprises:

10 a process which determines a type of a loaded recording medium;

a process which obtains necessary information for reproduction from the recording medium according to the determined type of the recording medium;

15 a process which prompts a user to select a type of the recording medium in any one of the case where the type of the recording medium cannot be determined, and the case where the necessary information for reproduction cannot be normally obtained;

20 a process which accepts selection of the type of the recording medium from the user;

a process which obtains the necessary information for reproduction from the recording medium according to the selected type of the recording medium; and

25 a process which exerts control to reproduce recorded information from the recording medium based on the obtained information.

7. A recording medium on which an information reproduction processing program is computer-readably recorded, wherein the information reproduction processing program causes a computer  
5 included in an information reproducing apparatus to perform the functions of:

- determining a type of a loaded recording medium;
- obtaining necessary information for reproduction from the recording medium according to the determined type of the  
10 recording medium;
- prompting a user to select the type of the recording medium in any one of the case where the type of the recording medium cannot be determined, and the case where the necessary information for reproduction cannot be normally obtained;
- 15 accepting selection of the type of the recording medium from the user;
- obtaining the necessary information for reproduction from the recording medium according to the selected type of the recording medium; and
- 20 exerting control to reproduce recorded information from the recording medium based on the obtained information.